items; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The total quantity of fruits, vegetables and flowers exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years are as follows :

Qty : In Mts.

Value : Rs. in Crores

		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 (April-Feb)	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1.	Fruits	88255	123.88	102778	147.55	NA	216.74
2.	Vegetables	459832	248.74	434401	301.19	NA	313.26
3.	Flowers	NA*	22.57	NA*	46.48	NA*	55.33

*The Details of quantity of flowers exported are not available as these are also exported by numbers.

The country-wise details of exports are available in the Annual Number of Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) India's exports of vegetables and fruits as a share of world exports has been around 1.7% during 1994 (as per UN statistics). The Indian floriculture industry being a nascent industry, its share of exports in the world trade of flowers is small at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Some of the Scheme under which assistance is provided to growers/exporters to enhance exports of agricultural items including fruits, vegetables and flowers are as under :-

(i) Provision of financial assistance for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specilised transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities;

(ii) Soft loans given for setting upgrading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;

(iii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control;

(iv) Establishment of walk-in-type cold storages for export consignments awaiting clearance;

(v) Setting up of Air cargo facilities for cargo booking and customs clearance facilities under one roof;

(vi) Setting up of dedicated cargo handling facilities for perishables at airports;

(vii) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improved acceptability of the products;

(viii) Implementation of a UNDP Project on floriculture for enhancing productivity and exports of floriculture products particularly cut flowers;

(ix) Provision of air freight subsidy for selected floricultural, horticultural products and fresh vegetables;

(x) Organisation of export promotion activities such as buyer-seller meets and participation in International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions.

[English]

Spinning Capacity of the Textiles Mills

6526. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the installed spinning capacity of the textile mills of the country;

(b) if so, the estimated spinning capacity in the country during each of the last three years and the quantum of yarn produced below 40 count and above 40 count;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of the requirement of yarn in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) (i) The installed capacity of spinning mills during 1994-95, 1995-96 & 1996-97 in the country is as under :-

Year	Non-SSI Sector		SSI Sector
	Spindles (MN.No.)	Rotors (000 Nos.)	Spindles (MN. No.)
1994-95	30.70	186	1.2
1995-96	31.75	226	1.3
1996-97 (Provisional)	32.31	234.	1.4

(as on 28.2.97)

(ii) The total quantum of spun yarn during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 in the country is as under :-

Year	count Below 40s	count Above 40s	(mn. kgs.) Total
1993-94	1809	333	2142
1994-95	1876	324	2200
1995-96	2099	386	2485

(c) and (d) The utilisation of spun yarn for 1995-96 has been assessed to be 2466 mn. kgs.

Bharat Leather Corporation

6627. SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have invited tenders or proposed to be invited for the sale of Bharat Leather Corporation Limited, Agra; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) No tenders have been invited for sale of Bharat Leather Corporation Limited (BLC) so far.

[Translation]

Development of Handloom Industry

6528. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are ample opportunities for the development of cotton handloom industry in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be provided by the Government in regard to identifying the possibilities and encouraging handloom industry in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Based on the viable proposals submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra, funds to the tune of Rs. 426.13 lakhs have been released to them during 1996-97 under various Handloom Development Schemes for exclusive development of Handloom Industry. The Schemes include Project Package Scheme, Setting up of Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Units, Janta Cloth, Market Development Assistance and Margin Money for Destitute Weavers.

[English]

Compensation to Land Losers

6529. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the procedure to provide compensation and job to nominated relatives of the rural people affected by the coal mines in Maharashtra has since been completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of land oustees affected by coal mines in all the areas and the number of people who have given jobs till date and the number of persons who have not yet been provided jobs;

(d) the time by which the cases of all the nominated candidates are likely to be disposed of;

(e) whether the Government have received any complaints about not providing compensation and jobs in lieu of land acquired; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The procedure to provide compensation and jobs for land losers is continuous process. Compensation for land and jobs are provided promptly to all eligible land losers or their nominees as per the norms of the company on handing over possession of the land.

(b) Delays occur mostly due to dispute amongst the land owners and non-submission of proper nomination.

(c) Details are furnished below :